

Police Employee Suspended in Graft Inquiry

Action Taken Against Patrick Ryan, Fingerprint Expert, at Investigation of Civil Service Board

Bank Accounts Examined

White Testifies Burke Had Influence; Tells of Gift of a Case of Whisky

Patrick Ryan, fingerprint expert for the Municipal Civil Service Commission, was suspended last night by Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfield, following Ryan's testimony at the resumption of the hearing in regard to the payment by patronage of \$26,500 for the alleged purpose of obtaining preference in the civil service examination for promotion from patrolman to sergeant. William Drennan, Civil Service Commissioner, was directed to formulate charges against Ryan, a hearing on which was set for November 29.

Ryan was one of the employees of the Civil Service Commission mentioned in the testimony of Patrolman Joseph Twomey at Tuesday's hearing, through whom the eighteen policemen who put up \$1,500 were led to believe they would receive promotion. Twomey collected the money from the policemen and turned it over to a saloonkeeper named Burke, he said, who was supposed to use his influence with Ryan and other employees of the commission. Burke later went to Ireland.

Ryan was examined in regard to his bank accounts. He produced four savings bank books, and a deposit book on the Commercial Bank, Washington branch. He also produced the key to the house which he purchased last September. Commissioner Hirschfield called Ryan's attention to a deposit of \$26,500 in the last July in the Exchange Bank, and also a deposit in the same bank made August 13 last of \$6,500.

Borrowed \$4,000
Ryan testified that the \$6,500 deposit represented withdrawal from savings banks and that the \$5,000 deposit represented in part payment of a loan of \$4,000 which he obtained from the Corn Exchange Bank some time previous to July 1. Ryan testified further that the commissioner, Ryan stated that the \$4,000 he borrowed he loaned to his wife. He said he did not know what she did with the money, but she had told him she wanted to lend it to a friend. He insisted on cross-examination that he had not pressed his wife for information concerning this loan. He said that he had given her the money in cash and she had returned it in cash. Ryan's salary as fingerprint expert is \$2,088. Commissioner Hirschfield asked Ryan how much he was worth, and the witness replied that if all his possessions were turned into cash, including his fingerprint patents, he would be worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Took Men Before Board
White told of several men who wanted to become policemen whom he had taken to Burke, and the latter, he said, had taken them down to the Civil Service Commission for examination. In the case of a man named James N. Armstrong, the physical test showed that he was six pounds under weight, and White said Burke told Armstrong to go home and drink water and eat bananas and come back again.

Several days later White again met Burke, and the latter told him to remind Armstrong that his (Burke's) efforts to have Armstrong pass the physical examination had cost him a case of whisky, which, according to White, Burke sent down to the Civil Service Commission. White said he told Armstrong to pay Burke for the case of whisky.

Commissioner Hirschfield asked Ryan yesterday if he had seen anything of the case of whisky Burke sent to the commission. Ryan said he had not. Commissioner Hirschfield introduced in evidence Armstrong's physical examination card, which showed that he was first examined on January 19, 1921, and found to weigh 144 pounds, while the required weight was 147½. Armstrong was re-examined on March 1, 1921, and weighed in at 148 pounds, meeting the requirement. Ryan was unable to identify figures or writing on the Armstrong card as his own. Ryan said that he did not know White by name, but might have seen him. White testified that he was at the Civil Service Commission offices several times with Burke and saw Burke talk to Ryan. Secretary Charles I. Stengle and Fred Menke, another employee, also testified.

Detective Charged With Aiding in \$200 Graft

Garage Owner Swears He Gave Sum to Another When Arrest Threatened Under Dry Law
Leo P. Sexton, a detective attached to the truck squad and connected with the Police Department for more than seven years, was arrested in the office of Inspector John D. Coughlin, at Police Headquarters, yesterday morning on a charge of aiding and abetting a criminal extortion.

Sexton was seized on complaint of William J. Powers, of 188 East Seventy-third Street, who picked Sexton, but of a line-up of thirty detectives. He alleged that Sexton, in the company of an unidentified man, came to his garage and threatened to arrest him for violation of the state prohibition law unless he gave the man \$200. According to Powers, he paid the money.

Sexton later was arraigned before Magistrate Charles E. Simms, in Yorkville Court, and was held \$2,000 bail for examination November 29. He denied the charges.

Wife, 68, Is His Aunt, Says Man Of 36, Who Asks Annulment

Neither Guesseed Relationship Until His Mother Came From Ireland 5 Years Later and Was Shocked to Find Daughter-in-Law Her Sister, He Tells Court

Suit was brought yesterday in Brooklyn Supreme Court by Robert Brennan, thirty-six years old, of 7 Hanson Place Brooklyn, for the annulment of his marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan, sixty-eight years old, who, he says, is his aunt.

Justice Kelby, before whom the application was made, was greatly astonished, and after the preliminary testimony put Brennan on the stand and had the latter recount the details of the case. Brennan said that the marriage took place in 1907, and that he and his wife were unaware of their relationship until 1912, when his mother arrived from Ireland at his invitation and discovered that his wife was her sister.

"I was twenty-one when I first met my wife," Brennan testified. "She was then fifty-two. Her husband and I worked in the same butcher shop in the Bronx. He died. I went to live at her home as a boarder to help her defray the expenses of running the place."

"Didn't she have any money?" asked Justice Kelby.

"No, she was broke. She had none at all," Brennan replied.

"Don't you know you committed a crime by marrying your aunt, and that you can be punished for it under the law?"

"I never knew she was my aunt. She never told me. It was just a remarkable coincidence."

In reply to Justice Kelby's question as to why he should want to marry a woman so much older than himself, Brennan replied: "I can't explain your honor; we just got married, that's all."

Mrs. Mary Brennan, of 873 Elton Avenue, the Bronx, told the court "she was dumfounded" when, on her arrival in this country, she discovered her son married to her sister, and "did not know what to say."

It was brought out that Brennan left his wife upon the discovery. It was not stated why the annulment action was explained, but not affected by the same statute of limitation applying in divorce actions.

Justice Kelby reserved decision.

Mrs. Louisa Audiotore Begins Divorce Action

Brooklyn Stevedore's Wife Names Mrs. Catanzaro; Is Granted \$250 a Week

Naming Mrs. Elva Catanzaro as co-respondent, Mrs. Louisa Audiotore, of 187 Coleridge Street, yesterday began a suit for absolute divorce from her husband, Frank Audiotore, millionaire stevedore and dockman, in Brooklyn Supreme Court. She was granted \$250 a week temporary alimony by Justice Kapper.

Mrs. Audiotore already has filed suit for \$100,000 damages against Mrs. Catanzaro, alleging alienation of her husband's affections.

The papers in the suit were not submitted to the court, but will be turned over to a referee who will be appointed to hear the case. Justice Kapper indicated that the motion to seal the papers would not meet with favorable action by the court.

William J. Fallon, attorney for Mrs. Audiotore, told the court that the defendant would show that Audiotore and Mrs. Catanzaro "had spent considerable time together in various hotels and roadhouses."

William Cases, counsel for Audiotore, said his client denied all the charges.

Four Authors Give Talks

Four American authors were speaking last night at the fourth authors' night held in connection with the exhibition of "Books of the Year" at the National Arts Club, 119 East Ninth Street. They were Robert Nathan, author of "Autumn"; Harriet Comstock, author of "The Shield of Silence"; Sidney Greenbie, author of "The Pacific Triangle"; and Shaw Desmond, author of "Gods."

The meeting was held amid a display of hundreds of new volumes representing the output of American publishers and assembled in the rooms of the Arts Club as an educational display.

Harold Howland, chairman of the committee in charge, announced the following authors as guests for the fifth "authors' night" next Wednesday, which will be the last of the series: Amy Lowell, John G. Sear, Henry Seidel Canby, John V. A. Weaver and Donald Ogden Stewart.

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Rum Peddlers Offered to Pay \$50,000 Bribes

Federal Records Show Traffic-fickers in Prohibited Beverages Had a Set Rate Card for 'Protection' Fees

\$30 a Week for Police

Women Clerks Testify in Investigation Being Conducted by U. S. Jury

Records in Federal court liquor cases in which attempted bribes were charged proved yesterday that there was a fixed scale of rates for "protection." Quotations compiled from all recorded cases show prohibition directors and assistant United States district attorneys were worth \$50,000 each to the rum peddlers.

Ordinary prohibition agents were worth a flat fee of \$5,000 each, and policemen could command from \$25 to \$30 a week.

It remains to the credit of officials, national, state and municipal, that there is a record so far of no director or district attorney having been "reached" by would-be bribers. One bribe of \$50,000 was offered to Acting Director E. C. Yellwey and one of \$50,000 to an assistant United States district attorney in Chicago, it developed yesterday. Various bribes of \$5,000 were offered to agents, and a special agent, Howard K. Kincaid, topped the list of all prohibition agents when an offer was made to him of \$25,000.

An unusually large sum, according to records, also was offered to the late Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Narcotic Director, who was promised \$30,000 in Connecticut if he would "fix" the prohibition director of that state, so whisky could be run into Connecticut from New York, New Jersey and other states.

One of the most interesting of all the alleged attempted bribery cases is that of Charles S. Shotwell, who is reported to have served as a major with the A. E. F. He surrendered yesterday to Chief Hugh McQuillan of the special intelligence unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau for the purpose of answering an indictment returned against him November 18 in the Federal district of New Jersey. He furnished a \$5,000 bond.

Shotwell maintained expensively furnished offices at 622 Fifth Avenue, where he declared he conducted a brokerage concern. He was represented at a hearing before United States Commissioner Hitchcock by Attorney I. D. Strauss, of the William J. Fallon law offices.

The indictment against Shotwell charges that he was engaged in a conspiracy to "corrupt, influence, obstruct and impede the administration of justice in the United States District Court for New Jersey in the trial of three indictments charging the violation of the national prohibition law." The indictment further charges Shotwell with endeavoring to influence and intimidate Harry E. Sands, a government witness.

The Federal grand jury adjourned yesterday until Monday morning at 11 New Jersey men who were employed under former Prohibition Director Harold L. Hart. One of the young women said her name was Margaret Fitzgerald.

The other two said they were Miss Tilton and Miss Pincheon. It is expected that the jury will make a final report next Monday.

Emil Wenz, of Grand Forks, N. D., held on a \$20,000 bond on a charge of swindling former Policeman John McLaughlin out of \$15,000 by selling him fifteen barrels of water after declaring the barrels contained whisky, was mentioned in a New Jersey case yesterday. Ferdinand Elias, of Paterson, N. J.,

swore that Wenz was the man who had swindled him out of \$15,000 in a water-for-whisky deal. Wenz is accused of employing a rubber syphon which would draw whisky from within its own tube regardless of what was contained in any barrel into which the syphon would be inserted.

The popularity of home-made wines is indicated by the arrival of the largest single shipment of raisins ever to reach New York by ocean freight. The steamer Augusta Pocherzegno has docked in Brooklyn with a cargo of 50,000 cases.

Marine Fires on Two On Mail Car, Grabs One

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 23.—Private Wasserman, United States Marine Corps, guarding Baltimore & Ohio mail train No. 9 from Washington to Pittsburgh, early today, near Washington Junction, Md., discovered two men at the door of a mail car. He fired on them and with a companion set out to make off the train and the other on the hand rail of the car. The marine captured him and brought him to the place where he gave his name as Cosmer Sadale, and said he lived at Lackawanna, N. Y.

Captain Hardy questioned Sadale, and the prisoner said that recently he had gone to Philadelphia and while there joined an organization known as the International Association of Migratory Workmen. He had no money, Captain Hardy said the man told him, and with a companion set out to make their way to Pittsburgh and were riding on the mail train when seen by Private Wasserman.

Captain Hardy added that he was unable to say whether the men intended to try and hold up the train or not, but the story of the prisoner and the story of Private Wasserman conflicted.

"There may be an inquiry into the shooting," said Captain Hardy, "but I hardly think so, as the guard was under strict orders to shoot first and ask questions afterward. Manifestly, the men had no right on a United States mail train."

Private Wasserman's home is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

5-Cent Fare Ordered on Chicago Surface Lines

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The Illinois State Utilities Commission to-night is expected to order a reduction in street car fares in Chicago from 8 cents to 5 cents, effective Friday.

The order asserted that a return of 8 per cent on the "fair value" of the property was a just return on the investment, and ordered that a revaluation of the lines be made and submitted to the commission.

The commission also declared that the service rendered by the surface lines was "grossly inadequate and inefficient," and said that the reduced rate of fare ordered was reasonable for the service rendered.

The decision applied only to surface lines. Applications for a reduction in fare for the elevated lines are pending before the commission.

Police Negligence Charged in Death Of Boy Hit by Auto

City Named Co-Defendant in \$50,000 Damage Suit for Alleged Failure to Protect School Crossing

Henry Gray, nine years old, was run down and fatally injured November 16 by a motor truck driven past a schoolhouse at Sixty-seventh Street and First Avenue. A suit for \$50,000, now being brought by the boy's parents, names as defendants the Woodmanstein Greenhouse, of Westchester County, to whom the truck belonged, and the City of New York, the latter for its neglect to police the street crossing in front of a schoolhouse.

This nominal charge may develop into one of a more serious sort against the police, says Leo A. Doran, of 170 Broadway, attorney, who has drawn the complaint, when their negligence in arresting the driver is more thoroughly gone into.

The accident occurred at noon in view of many persons. The driver was detained by the crowd and the boy, who suffered compound fractures and an injury to the skull, was removed to Flower Hospital, where he died a few hours later. No policeman could be found in the vicinity of the schoolhouse to arrest the driver immediately, and a patrolman summoned from several blocks away said that he could not leave the milk depot which he had been ordered to guard. After some delay the authorities at the hospital called up the Thirty-first Precinct station house, and a policeman named Brown was sent to the scene. He questioned the driver and let him go.

A formal complaint made by the parents two days later to the lieutenant of the same station house resulted in the same policeman, Brown, being sent up to arrest the driver. The man gave his name as Henry C. Carolus, twenty-four years old, of 171½ Tenth Avenue. The Woodmanstein Greenhouse admitted that he was in their employ. He was held in \$3,000 bail by Magistrate Levine in the Yorkville police court for a hearing on November 21. Both Carolus and Brown failed to appear.

Doran has embodied his charges against the police; their failure to protect the school-crossing, their failure promptly to arrest the driver and the failure of the policeman to appear against the defendant driver in a letter to Mayor Hylan.

Court Holds Former Actress Helen Neary McCloskey Denies She Was Intoxicated

Mrs. Helen Neary McCloskey, twenty-one years old, of 152 West Seventy-second Street, who said she was formerly an actress at the Winter Garden, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate House in Traffic Court yesterday for

Special Sessions on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Through her attorney, William J. Fallon, she pleaded not guilty and waived examination.

Mrs. McCloskey, who gave her present occupation as that of "housewife," was arrested on November 13 by Patrolman Samuel Weinstein, of Motor Cycle Squad No. 1, who took her in custody at Riverside Drive and Eighty-second Street.

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teenth Governor of North Dakota, dis-
solving Governor Lynn J. Frazier, a
Republican League choice, who was
elected in the October 23 recall election.